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Applicant : Chien-Chang CHANG Confirmation No: 4312
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of January 5, 2005, in connection with the above identified application.

The Official Action is a restriction requirement in which it is urged that there are five separate and patentably distinct species claimed in this application. Claim 1 is said to be generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species. Applicants elect the first embodiment of the invention as shown in figures 1, 3, 4 and 5 and is readable on claims 1-2 and 4-7, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected inventions at a later time.

In view of the election of the first embodiment, without traverse, an early and favorable action on the merits is now believed to be in order and is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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